



## Media Information:

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### **Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths**

**Billings, MT** – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, reports two additional Yellowstone County residents have died due to COVID-19 related illness.

On Tuesday, September 15, a man in his 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital of COVID-19 related illness.

On Wednesday, September 16, a woman in her 30s passed away due to COVID-19 related illness at a Yellowstone County hospital.

To protect the privacy of the deceased and their families, RiverStone Health will not release further information.

Both deaths are reflected on the Thursday, September 17 state COVID-19 tracking map.

“I know that this is a sorrowful time for the families and friends of the deceased and I offer my sincere condolences,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“This month, 10 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 related illnesses. The Yellowstone County resident death toll from COVID-19 stands at 56, or 39% of all Montana COVID-19 deaths, yet we account for only 15% of the state’s population. I call on all Montanans to protect each other from this disease by correctly wearing masks, watching your distance, avoiding crowds, washing your hands and staying home when you are sick,” said Felton.

To date, 2,677 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 56 have died.

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